



Yucca Weekly Update



Councilmember Joyce Clark - City of Glendale, Arizona

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Summer Safety Fair. The Citizen's Police Academy Alumni of Glendale (CPAAG) is sponsoring a FREE safety fair on Saturday, April 25th from 8-11 a.m. in the Target Parking Lot, 10404 N. 43rd Avenue. Glendale Fire, Police and Transportation Departments as well as other agencies including the Target Corporation will also be on hand. There will be safety-related booths, a bike rodeo, the Fire Department's smoke trailer, Continuous Chest Compression (CCC) demonstrations, free blood pressure checks, pet therapy dogs and more. You must bring your own bike and wear a helmet to participate in the bike rodeo.

Midwestern University Health Careers Institute. Do you know a high school student interested in a career in health and medicine? Midwestern University will offer its eight-day Health Careers Institute for High School Students this summer. Application deadline is May 1st and the program runs July 9-18 from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Participants must attend all 8 days of the program. For more information and to download the application, [click here](#).

Information on Local Recovery Funding and Plans. Glendale announces a new web page that includes a summary of the funds received as a result of the federal American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 (ARRA). This page contains information for prospective contractors, services for residents facing foreclosure, and other ways Glendale will be putting these funds to use. [Click here](#) to visit the page.

Glendale Tourism Web Site Boasts a New Look. More than 100,000 visitors have come through the Glendale Visitor Center, but usually the first stop is virtual! Glendale Tourism gave www.visitglendale.com an important facelift to not only reflect the office's new brand, but also to offer new, interactive options for visitors. [Learn more >>](#)

Glendale Onboard Open House. Glendale citizens are invited to attend the Annual Glendale Onboard (GO) Program Open House from 4:30 to 7:30 p.m., Wednesday, April 29 at the Glendale Civic Center, 5750 W. Glenn Drive. Learn more about how GO is working to improve transportation in Glendale. City staff and engineering consultants will be on hand to talk with you, provide more details on projects, and answer questions. Drop by any time between 4:30 p.m. and 7:30 p.m. for conversation and refreshments.

Nominate Neighbors, Volunteers and Businesses for Annual Spark Awards. The Glendale Neighborhood Commission encourages residents to nominate a neighbor, volunteer, business, nonprofit or faith-based organization that has made a commitment to the Glendale community or helped to improve our neighborhoods. If you know of someone like this, nominate the person or group for a 2009 Neighborhood Spark Award. The deadline to submit nominations is Friday, May 15. The Spark Award recipients will be honored by the Commission on Neighborhoods at the 2009 Neighborhood Leadership Forum, scheduled for Saturday, June 27 at 8 a.m. at the Glendale Civic Center, 5750 W. Glenn Drive. [Click here](#) for information on eligible categories and a nomination form.

Qualification Assistance Web Site. Making Home Affordable is a government website designed to help homeowners determine whether or not they qualify for a loan modification or refinancing. It's the site to start with to determine whether or not assistance is available to you. <http://www.makinghomeaffordable.gov/>

National Crime Victims' Rights Week April 26–May 2, 2009. The mission of the Victim Assistance Program of Glendale Police Department is to provide comprehensive services to victims and their families who are affected by crime, to help them regain stability in their lives, and help them exert their rights. [Click here](#) to learn more about this program.

Around Town

Historic Preservation Commission Annual Bus Tour. The Glendale Historic Preservation Commission is sponsoring its fifth Annual Historic Preservation Bus Tour on May 16th from 8 a.m. - noon. The tour provides a guided, armchair tour of significant historic sites within Glendale as well as walking tours of a few selected homes or other sites that are historically significant. The event is open to the general public, and is free of charge. Space is limited and reservations are required. Please call 623-930-2593 or email kflores@glendaleaz.com for more information or to make a reservation.

3rd Annual Youth Football Festival. Come out and enjoy the fun with Youth Football. Parks and Recreation will host its third Annual Youth Football Festival on Thursday, April 30. Skills clinics for youth of all ages, experience, skill levels and positions will be offered. Local youth tackle and flag football leagues will provide information about their programs; educational sessions for parents and coaches will be offered and vendors will be on site with equipment and information. The festival will run 6-8:30 p.m. at the Youth Sports Complex (next to the University of Phoenix Stadium) at 91st Avenue and Bethany Home Road. Info: Jeff Crane at jcrane@glendaleaz.com or 623-930-2043.

Prime Vision. Remember the Electric Boogaloo? The Parks and Recreation Department is hosting Prime Vision, a 3 on 3 B-boy and B-girl competition, at the Glendale Adult Center, 5970 W. Brown St. in Glendale, on Saturday, May 9. The event begins at 6 p.m., featuring 16 of the valley's best B-boy and B-girl crews and a cash prize of \$500 for the winning crew, and music by DJ Cre. Entrance is \$5 per person and proceeds will benefit the youth and teen programs in Glendale. Food will be available for purchase. The event is being sponsored by Glendale Pawn and Jewelry. For more information, call 623-930-4701.

Consumer Credit Classes. Consumer Credit Counseling Services, a non-profit organization, will be presenting the last session in their series of classes. Registration is required; to register or for more information, please call (623) 930-3431.

- Keeping Debt under Control:
April 27 at 7 p.m. at the Foothills Branch, 19055 N. 57th Ave.

What E.L.S.E. (Enhancing Life Skills/Experiences). Parents, expand the minds and imaginations of your children with What E.L.S.E. programs from the Glendale Public Library. These special free family programs take place in the evening, to allow families to attend together. On Monday, April 27, at 7 p.m. Eileen Morgan delivers an exciting performance that includes the powerful Japanese Taiko drums, beautiful bamboo wind instruments from China and Japan and unusual percussion instruments from Asia. This will be held in the Glendale City Council Chambers, 5850 W. Glendale Ave. No reservations are necessary. Call 623-930-3437 for more information.

Historic Downtown Glendale Yard Sale - May 2. Come out to Historic Downtown Glendale for a fun day in the sun and sales galore! The Catlin Court Shops, located in Historic Downtown Glendale will be having a Yard Sale on Saturday May 2nd from 10 a.m.- 4 p.m. Enjoy lemonade stands to quench your thirst, ice cream treats, music to shop by, and more so come on out and join the fun! [Participating Shops>>](#)

Mother's Day Celebration May 9. Visit Historic Downtown Glendale as we celebrate moms with a day of deals, meals and more! Start your celebration at the Glendale Visitor Center and pick up a beautiful flower, event map and goodie bag. Many of the downtown shops and restaurants will feature discounts and giveaways, free flowers and special Mother's Day gift ideas, from 10 a.m.- 4 p.m. Call 623-930-4500 or [click here](#) for more information.

Limited Spaces Left in Summer Arts Camp. There is still time to sign your child up for the City of Glendale Summer Arts Camp 2009. Classes, for ages 6-18, will run from June 29-July 30. Children and teens can explore folk art and storytelling, percussion music, writing and illustrating a book, and creating art with found objects. The workshops, sponsored by the Glendale Library and Arts Department, will take place in the Fruit Packing Shed at Sahuaro Ranch, 9802 N. 59th Ave. There is a \$20 non-refundable application fee per workshop and student. Register online, at www.glendaleaz.com/ParksandRecreation and click on "Classes and Programs." For more information, call 623-930-3520 or 623-930-3755.

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